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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **GME-0**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD AGREEMENT  
AS-NEEDED GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES  
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the following agreements to be financed from the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road and Flood Funds. The agreements will provide "as-needed" geotechnical consulting services for a one-year period commencing on the date of the initial Notice to Proceed, with two, one-year renewal options to be exercised by the Director. Renewal will be exercised based upon remaining funding available and the level of satisfaction with the services provided.

1. Consultant services agreement with Bing Yen & Associates for a not to exceed fee of \$150,000.
2. Consultant services agreement with Fugro for a not to exceed fee of \$150,000.
3. Consultant services agreement with Law Crandall for a not to exceed fee of \$150,000.
4. Consultant services agreement with Leighton & Associates for a not to exceed fee of \$150,000.
5. Consultant services agreement with URS Corporation for a not to exceed fee of \$150,000.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board authorize the Director of Public Works to obtain geotechnical design support services to enhance Public Works' overall geotechnical engineering design capabilities by establishing "as-needed" geotechnical design support services for various County and contract cities public works projects.

Approval will ensure adequate resources, with the appropriate level of training and experience, are available to perform the design services on schedule. Therefore, we are requesting an "as-needed" geotechnical design support services contract with Bing Yen & Associates, Fugro, Law Crandall, Leighton & Associates, and URS Corporation. Approval by your Board will help achieve cost effectiveness and will supplement our design review resources over the next three years. Under Public Works' supervision, Bing Yen & Associates, Fugro, Law Crandall, Leighton & Associates, and URS Corporation will perform geotechnical design support services for the design of various County and contract cities public works facilities.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These actions are consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by supporting investment in public infrastructure. These actions are also consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness. The use of an "as-needed" consultant services agreement has enabled Public Works to better manage fluctuations in workload and thereby provide responsive service to our clients.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

No impact to the General Fund is expected from this action. Sufficient appropriation is available in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road and Flood Funds. Public Works has negotiated a not to exceed fee of \$150,000 with each of the following firms: Bing Yen & Associates, Fugro, Law Crandall, Leighton & Associates, and URS Corporation. This amount represents the estimated cost to provide this service for a one-year period with two, one-year renewal options to be exercised by the Director.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard consultant services agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Bing Yen & Associates, Fugro, Law Crandall, Leighton & Associates, and URS Corporation are willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program participants for future employment.

Bing Yen & Associates, Fugro, Law Crandall, Leighton & Associates, and URS Corporation are in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program).

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

These services are categorically exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Class 1 of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On March 6, 2002, a Request for Proposals was issued to 53 firms from a Public Works' list of qualified firms. Eighteen firms submitted proposals for review and evaluation. An evaluation committee, consisting of Public Works Geotechnical and Materials Engineering staff, evaluated the proposals. Bing Yen & Associates, Fugro, Law Crandall, Leighton & Associates, and URS Corporation were selected as the best qualified firms to provide the required services based upon the proposed organizational structure, support resources, technical and administrative expertise, experience, and proposed work plan, all of which represented the best value to the County. Bing Yen & Associates, Fugro, Law Crandall, Leighton & Associates, and URS Corporation were selected without regard to race, creed, color, or gender.

MLA's Community Business Enterprises, required certification forms, and three-year contracting history forms are on file with Public Works.

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Public Works has evaluated and determined that the Living Wage Program (County Code Chapter 2.020) does not apply to the recommended contract, as this contract is for non-Proposition A services.

As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, a Request for Qualifications for these services was listed on the Office of Small Business Website.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Authorizing this consultant services agreement with Bing Yen & Associates, Fugro, Law Crandall, Leighton & Associates, and URS Corporation will allow Public Works to continue to be responsive to increases in our workload and to provide quality control and cost effectiveness in the design of our projects that we would otherwise have to sacrifice on some project due to a lack of permanent staff. Without this "as-needed" geotechnical design service to supplement our technical staff, we can anticipate significant change orders during the construction phase of the projects and higher operations and maintenance costs during the life of the new facilities.

There will be no negative impact on any other budgeted programs or projects as a result of authorizing this consultant services agreement.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
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